

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN MATT BRAINARD**, on January 29, 1999 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 420 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Matt Brainard, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Toni Hagener, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Allan Walters, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)  
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)  
Rep. Edith Clark (R)  
Rep. Tom Dell (D)  
Rep. George Golie (D)  
Rep. Donald L. Hedges (R)  
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)  
Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)  
Rep. Brennan Ryan (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Bill Tash (R)  
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Douglas Mood (R)  
Rep. Doug Wagner (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch  
Karen Mills, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing :HB 72, 1/29/1999 Executive Action: None  
Posted: 11/5/1999

HEARING ON HB 72

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. JOHN MERCER

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Proponents' Testimony: DAVE SENN, Ex. Director of TRS,  
**EXHIBIT**(sth23a01) **EXHIBIT**(sth23a02)

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MICK ROBINSON, Rep. of Governor Mark Racicot

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ALVE THOMAS, Rep. of Retired Teacher's Assoc. **EXHIBIT**(sth23a03)

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DICK CROSS, Comm. of Higher Education

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TOM BILODEAU, MEA **EXHIBIT**(sth23a04)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.8 - 19.8}

BILL COOPER, Dept. Sup. of OPI

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.9 - 20.6}

LANCE MELTON, School Board Assoc. of Mt.

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CANDACE PAYNE, U. of Mt. Teacher's Union

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LORAN FRAZIER, School Administrators of Mt.

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DON WALDRON, Assoc. of County Superintendents

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BILL HOLTER, Retired Teacher of Butte, Mt.

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VERNER BERTELSON, Mt. Senior Citizens Assoc.

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DON JUDGE, AFL-CIO, Mt. State

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.8 - 26.1}

JOE BROOKSHIER, MEA-R

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.1 - 27.7}

BOB JEWEL, N.C. Retired Teachers of Great Falls

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NATALIE FITZPATRICK, Mt. Retired Teacher's Assoc.

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DOROTHY STONER, Pres. MRTA, SPA treatis

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PAT GILLILAND, Yellowstone Valley Ret. Teacher's Assoc.

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TOM SCHNEIDER, Pres. Sec. Coalition

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WITNESS STATEMENTS:

**EXHIBIT**(sth23a05) **EXHIBIT**(sth23a06) **EXHIBIT**(sth23a07) **EXHIBIT**(sth23a08) **EXHIBIT**(sth23a09)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

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Closing Statement from Sponsor: REP. JOHN MERCER

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 8:45 A.M.

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REP. MATT BRAINARD, Chairman

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KAREN MILLS, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (sth23aad)**